CALLOWAY COUNTY FISCAL COURT MEETING May 12, 2025, Special Meeting

An adjourned special called meeting of the Calloway County Fiscal Court was held at 8:00 AM on Monday, May 12, 2025, in the Calloway County Court House Annex. Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes called the meeting to order. The following duly qualified members of the Court were present: Squire Don Cherry, Squire Paul Rister, Squire Larry Crutcher and Squire Ricky Stewart. Also, present were County Treasurer Tonya Robinson, Deputy Judge Executive Gina Winchester, County Sheriff Nicky Knight and County Clerk Antonia Faulkner.

The Court was called for special session to discuss work on the Old Salem Bridge. With the completion of the new bridge on Old Salem Road and equipment removal beginning, the Court needed to determine what to do with the existing bridge. The iron structure could be moved for a fee. The historic structure could remain and be utilized by the community as a small fishing/nature area.

Squire Cherry felt it would be good to save the bridge, making a special spot for citizens. He did question the legalities, the possibilities of ADA grants to help making the bridge accessible for all citizens. Squire Crutcher brought up the question of liability for the Sheriff and his deputies, would this area promote a spot for mischief. Sheriff Knight appreciated the concern but felt confident in the ability to maintain the area. Squire Rister looked at the project from a F&W standpoint, expressing that the area would go over well. Keeping the area maintained and in good presence would likely deter problems.

The Court discussed maintenance necessary after flooding as the area does often flood.

Motion made by Squire Cherry seconded by Squire Rister to leave the bridge adopting the general concept as presented. Point of discussion brought before the Court by Squire Rister. Squire Rister has contacted KACO who's rep will be in town and go by the area to present and offer safety concerns to reduce the County liability. He had also contacted F&W to help with or offer opportunity to collaborate on the project and future maintenance and clean up.

There being no further discussion Judge Imes called for all those in favor., all ayes were called, and it was so ordered.

There being no further business before the Court motion made by Squire Rister seconded by Squire Cherry to adjourn. All voted aye and it was so ordered.

Approved this 1/15t day June 2025 by Judge Executive Kenneth C. Imes